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March 12 Meeting at Westwood Opens 1985

When MAAGCS members gather at Westwood Country Club on March 12 for their first meeting of 1985, they will find quite a different golf course if the weather permits them to play. The 30-year-old Vienna, Virginia, layout has completed a 12-year greens rebuilding program that converted its old, clay-based greens to USGA specification greens, and the new Eddie Ault designs have convinced Westwood members that their course now ranks among the area's best.

Westwood began its life in 1954 as Westbriar Country Club, a proprietary club built by a land developer on an old dairy farm on the eastern edge of Vienna, a pre-Civil War town that is now a busy suburb. The original course was designed by Alfred H. Tull and built on relatively flat land, bisected by a flood plain. All but two of the new greens were Ault designs that incorporate challenging contours. Several thousand trees have been planted on the course in the last 20 years; its length is 6,384 yards from the white tees, 6,715 from the blues. All greens are Penncross bent, as are many of the tees, while fairways are mixed ryegrass, bluegrass and poa annua.

Larsen Is Re-Elected As MAAGCS President

Nominated from the floor for a second term, Mike Larsen was re-elected as president of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents at the December meeting at Lakewood Country Club. Gerry Gerard was re-elected as vice president, George Renault was voted in as secretary, Lee Dieter remained as treasurer, and Virgil Robinson, Nick Vance, and Dick Gieselman were named to three-year terms on the Board of Directors. Ken Braun will remain on the Board as immediate Past President.



Westbriar ceased to exist in late 1961 when lenders foreclosed on the developer, but the members banded together to buy the club and re-open it as Westwood in 1962. Now wholly member-owned, the club has an Olympic-size pool, 10 tennis courts, and a clubhouse kept busy by the 900 members.

Tom Haske, CGCS, has been superintendent at Westwood for more than 10 years. His mowing schedule is to cut the greens six times a week to 3/16", fairways three times a week to 11/16", and rough once a week to 3". Fertilizing schedule is 4½# N annually on greens, 3# N on fairways.

On March 12, golf will be available from 11:30 a.m., and cocktails will be

served (cash bar) starting at 6 p.m., along with hot hors d'hoerves. Prime rib with wine is at 7 p.m., followed by the meeting, at which the speaker will be Jack McClenahan, himself once a Westwood superintendent, on the topic, "High Tech, High Touch, and Answering the Bell."

Directions to the club from the Capital Beltway are to take exit 11S at Tysons Corner to Rte. 123, going south approx. 1 mile and passing three traffic lights before reaching the club on the right, just before entering the town. From the south, take Rte. 123 (an exit on Rte. 66) through Vienna to the club on the left.

Program is as follows:

Golf: From 11:30 a.m.

Lunch: Available in the Grill (charge only)

Cocktails: 6 p.m.

Dinner: 7 p.m. (Cost \$18) (coat and tie)

Meeting: 8 p.m.

Reservations: Call MAAGCS Office
(301) 964-0070



Faithfully manning the host booth at the convention center were a number of our MAAGCS volunteers. This time, Joe's camera caught Ben Stagg and Lou White on duty. Note the many flags of Mid-Atlantic Clubs.